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Yoshiji Yamada et al.

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For: METHOD OF DIAGNOSING RISK OF
RESTENOSIS AFTER CORONARY
ANGIOPLASTY

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.